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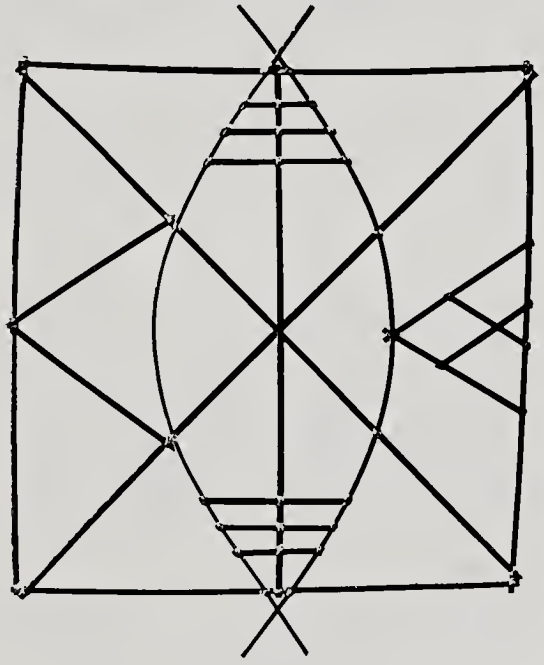

*Chart of Majuro and Jaluit. The original is 49x63cm. (Courtesy of the Field Museum of Natural History)*

## Stick Charts

Three navigation charts of the Marshall Islands are among the artifacts of Chicago's Field Museum of Natural History.

One of the charts is of the *meddo* (sea) type, which show the relative location of a few islands along with wave data. The others are the *mattang* type, instructional models illustrating principles of wave refraction useful in navigation. Combinations of the atolls of Ailinglaplap, Jaluit, Majuro and Mili, which constitute four of the 34 atolls, and single islands of the Marshall group, are depicted on the Museum's charts.

Two of the charts are constructed with strips of the center-rib of a palm leaf, tied together with palm fiber. The third (illustrated) is made from the roots of the pandanus. Shells indicate the position of its islands; the presence of islands on the other two examples can be deduced from the patterns taken by the strips which indicate the wave front of swells caused by prevalent winds as they encounter the islands. The orientation of the islands cannot be determined without interpreting the wave data.

Such charts were first mentioned by Gulick in 1862, and are still being constructed today, though possibly only as artifacts. They are peculiar to the Marshall Islands.

The Museum acquired two of its copies on an Ethnological Expedition to the Marshalls in 1947, and the third in an exchange with the Peabody Museum in 1932.

## Calendar

March 18
Chicago Map Society meeting, Chicago. Speaker David Woodward, "A Perfect and Absolute Blank!" 6 p.m., Fellows' Lounge, Newberry Library. (David Woodward, The Newberry Library, 60 West Walton St., Chicago, IL 60610)

March 22-26
Seventh Conference of Chief Draftsmen of the Australian States Mines Departments and Bureau of Mineral Resources, Hobart, Tasmania. (Ross Duberal, 10 Neil St., Rossmoyne, West Australia 6155)

March 31-April 3
Practical course in map curatorship, Edinburgh. (see CONFERENCES AND LECTURES)

April 2-4
Southampton weekend meeting on digital mapping. (Mr. D. G. Harris, 2 Alder Close, Whitenap, Romsey, Hants)

April 11-14
Association of American Geographers, 72nd Annual meeting, the Waldorf-Astoria, New York. (J. Warren Nystrom, Executive Director, AAG, 1710 16th Street, N.W., Washington, D.C. 20009)

*The Hermon Dunlap Smith Center for the History of Cartography* — Director: **David Woodward**

The Center was founded in 1972 at The Newberry Library to promote the study of the history of cartography through research projects, fellowships, courses of instruction, and publications. Further information is available on request.

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## Research Notes

Recent thesis in Cartography. *A classification of Andrews' oecumenical simple medieval world map species into genera.* By John Bradford Conroy. Master of Science (Cartography) at the University of Wisconsin, Madison. 1975. 224p. & appendices.

New Harrison map. Richard Edes Harrison notified us that he is compiling a 1 page map showing Rochambeau's march from Providence, R.I., to Yorktown, Va., for the July '76 *Smithsonian*. The map will be done on a contemporary base.

*Atlas of Utah.* The Department of Geology-Geography at Weber State College has received a grant from the College's Faculty Department Fund to make an atlas of Utah. They are also anticipating a sizable grant from the Bicentennial Commission to complete the financing of this project. It is hoped the project will be completed sometime during the fall of 1976.

Mapping Wetlands. Dr. John B. Rehder and Mr. Dale Quattrochi, Geography Dept., University of Tennessee, Knoxville, have a NASA contract to develop criteria and techniques to map wetlands from LANDSAT imagery. The contract calls for them to use LANDSAT imagery to identify and delineate wetlands along the Obion, Forked Deer, and Hatchie Rivers in West Tennessee.

ICA grants. The Australian Institute of Cartographers has granted assistance of $700 to two members to attend the next I.C.A. Conference in Moscow, August 1976. Recipients of this amount from the Overseas Fund are Mr. Terry Birtles, Canberra, and Mr. Dave Hacking, Victoria.

*Directory of New Zealand Map Collections.* P.L. Barton, Map Librarian, Alexander Turnbull Library, Wellington, N.Z., is compiling a directory of map collections in New Zealand and overseas (P.O. Box 8016, Wellington, N.Z.)

*The History of the study of map projections.* Harry Steward, Department of Geodetic Science, Ohio State University, was awarded a 2 month fellowship by the Hermon Dunlap Smith Center for the History of Cartography to do research on the history of the study of map projections. He is interested in obtaining any publications relating to map projections, especially 19th century - early 20th century material in German, French, and Russian. (c/o 1958 Neil Avenue, Columbus, OH 43210)

## Library News

Another copy of Joan Blaeu's *Major atlas*, Dutch edition, can be added to C. Koeman's *Atlantes Neerlandici* Bl. 57. The 9 volume set, printed in Amsterdam, 1664-1665, was acquired by the Neely Room, The Georgia Tech Library, in 1965 with funds from a special bequest. The large folio volumes are bound in original red morocco, with gilt edges.

Gail Nicula, Assistant Science Librarian, Old Dominion University, reports they are developing a cataloging/classification system tailored to a map collection in geological, topographical, bathymetric, oceanographic and meteorological areas. They would enjoy corresponding with any other library or group having a similar collection. Their major areas of interest are the Atlantic Ocean, Chesapeake Bay and Southeastern United States, especially the eastern seaboard. (University Library, Science/Technology Dept., P.O. Box 6173, Norfolk, VA 23508)

Frances Drew, Map Cataloger at the Georgia Institute of Technology Library, has an article, "The Georgia Tech Library map collection: twenty-five years of growth and development," in Special Libraries Association, Geography and Map Division *Bulletin* for December, 1975.

University of Minnesota's Map Division has compiled the following bibliography: *Map Division holdings of maps on West Africa (1940-1975).* Minneapolis: University of Minnesota Map Division, 1975. 10p. (MS copy. Reproduction available from Interlibrary Loan, Wilson Library, University of Minnesota, Minneapolis, MN 55455)

Robert A. Bier, Jr. and Janice T. Fitzpatrick, Map Librarians, at the U.S. Geological Survey Library, Reston, VA., are contributing a monthly map column of interesting thematic geoscience maps to the journal *Geotimes*. *Geotimes* is published by the American Geological Institute, 5205 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA, 22041 ($9.00 yearly)

The following publications are available to explain library collections and policies.

*Georgia Tech Library Map Collection* brochure. 3 fold. p. (B. Walker, Map Librarian, Georgia Institute of Technology Library, 1225 North Avenue, N.W., Atlanta, GA 30332)

*The Map Section*, University of Illinois, Chicago Circle. 3p. (M. Selmer, Map Librarian, 3-315 Circle Campus Library, P.O. Box 8198, Chicago, IL 60680)

*Maps. New Acquisitions in the Map Room, University of Connecticut Library, Storrs,* 2p., published twice a semester. (N. Kline, Map Library, University of Connecticut Library, U-5, Storrs, CT 06268)

*The Map Room.* The Hiatus Arts & Letters Society of Toronto. 1p. (We're not sure what this is, but J. Winearls, Map Library, University of Toronto Library, 130 St. George St., Toronto M5S 1A1, Canada, may be able to straighten you out!)

## Exhibitions

*Cartographic Treasures at the Bodleian Library, Oxford.* An exhibition of some 90 items ranging in age from the Gough map of the 14th century to the Ordnance Survey in the 1970's. Arranged in connection with the VIth International Conference on the History of Cartography.

*Swiss Cartography Exhibition.* Sponsored by the Pro Helvetia Foundation, Zurich, and mounted at the Royal Geographical Society, London. Until 21st April.

*What's in a Map?* A collection of 30 maps demonstrating the language of map making, at the Smithsonian Institution, Washington, D.C., Museum of History and Technology. Various techniques used in mapmaking from the earliest times to the present are explored. Recently opened in the print gallery of the Hall of Graphic Arts.

*Weinreb and Douwma Antique Map Exhibit.* Maps include a world map by Takahashi Kageyasu, chief astronomer of the Tokugawa Shogunate, as well as others illustrating interesting political conceptions and geographical misconceptions.

*History of the National Ocean Survey.* In its new display center, opened February 10, Rockville, MD. Features early surveys of coastal areas of New York and New Jersey (1834-38), including Whistler's copperplate engraving of Anacapa Island.

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*America in maps dating from 1500 to 1856.* Egon Klemp, compiler and editor. New York: Holmes & Meier, 1976. ($285.00 before April 15; thereafter $335.00)

*Careers in cartography.* 2d rev. ed. British Cartographic Society. (Single copies free of charge with receipt of a stamped addressed envelope. Additional copies 10p. (U.K.) or 50 cents (outside U.K.) per copy. R.W. Anson, Dept. of Construction, Oxford Polytechnic, Headington, Oxford OX3 OBP U.K.)

*Dictionary of land surveyors and local cartographers of Great Britain and Ireland 1550-1850.* Part 1 (A-F). Peter Eden, editor. Folkestone: Dawson, 1975 (£6.00)

*Earth Science Maps of Wisconsin 1818-1974.* Christine R. Hanson. Madison: Geological and Natural History Survey, 1976. (Informational Circular No. 1, State Cartographer's Office.) (Free on request from the author, State Cartographer's Office, 144 Science Hall, Madison, WI 53706)

*The European vision of America.* By Hugh Honour. Exhibit catalog, Bicentennial of the United States, Cleveland Museum of Art, 1975. Section II, "Unpathed waters, undreamed shores," explains the cartographic items used. (Kent Ohio: Kent State University Press, $9.95)

*Hennepin County Library historic plat map information packet.* Minneapolis, 1975 (Hennepin County Central Services, Blueprint Room, A-Level, Government Center, Minneapolis, MN 55487. Free)

*International directory of current research in the history of cartography and in carto-bibliography.* E.M.J. Campbell, editor. No. 1 (1974) 1975. Mimeographed. (Professor E.M.J. Campbell, *Imago Mundi*, c/o Department of Geography, Birkbeck College, 7-15 Gresse Street, London W1P 1PA, £1.50)

Catalog of *Pre-nineteenth century maps in the collection of the Georgia Surveyor General Department.* Atlanta: Surveyor General Dept., 1975. (Complimentary copies available to libraries and educational institutions from Janice Blake, Surveyor General Dept., Office of the Secretary of State, Atlanta, GA 30334)

1:250,000 topographical maps of northern Mexico. Fifty-two sheets and index (Black line ozalid copies, Tucson Blueprint Co., P.O. Box 27266, Tucson, AZ 85725, $1.25 per sheet)

*Recommendations for bibliographical references to maps and charts.* Part 1, references in accession lists. British Standards Institution. (B.S. 5195) (BSI Sales Department, 101 Pentonville Road, London, N1 9ND, £2.10)

*Using maps in tracing your family history.* Betty H. Kidd. Ottawa: Ontario Genealogical Society, 1975 (Publication 74-14). (Ottawa Branch, Ontario Genealogical Society, P.O. Box 8346, Ottawa, Ontario K1G 3H8, $3.00)

"The Art of Cartography," by Michael S. Jarmus, *Acquire* (October 1975). (Acquire Publishing Co., 170 Fifth Avenue, New York, N.Y. 10010)

"Longitude and the marine chronometer." Part 1 and part 2. By C.K. Aked. *Antiquarian horology. no. 8* (June and Sept. 1974) p. 732-744; 854-865.

"In search of a national world: the encyclopedists' image of northern and western North America," by Douglas R. McManis, *Historical Geography Newsletter* vol. 5, no. 2 (Fall, 1975), p. 18-29.

"Tennessee Valley Surveying 1745 to 1780," by E.D. Heppert, *Surveying and Mapping*, vol. 35, no. 4 (December, 1975), p. 347-354.

## Chronicle

A new newsletter, *Chronicle/Chroniques*, issued by the National Commission for Cartography, has just appeared in Canada. Volume 1, number 1 was issued in January, 1976. It is to be published six times annually, "to coordinate the activities and interests of Canada's Cartographic community." (Dr. Henry W. Castner, Editor, Dept. of Geography, Queen's University, Kingston, Ontario K7L 3N6)

## Historical Atlas of China

The upcoming publication of *An Historical Atlas of China* has been announced by Professor Cheng-siang Chen, Chinese University of Hong Kong. The atlas will consist of approximately 120 maps, mostly in monocolour, and will be produced in installments of 4-8 maps each. Installment one: Population (four maps). (Professor Cheng-siang Chen, Director Geographical Research Center, Graduate School, the Chinese University of Hong Kong, Hong Kong).

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## Conferences and Lectures

*Practical Course in Map Curatorship, Edinburgh 1976.* The National Library of Scotland and The British Cartographic Society are jointly organising a practical course in map curatorship to be held at the Map Room of the National Library of Scotland, 31st March - 4th April 1976. Acquisition, the identification and evaluation of cartographic materials, the use of cartobibliographies and the conservation of maps will be among the subjects covered. Application forms may be obtained from Miss J.M. Wilkes, Map Room, National Library of Scotland Annexe, 137 Causewayside, Edinburgh EH9 1PH.

*Tracing the Discovery and Exploration of Canada through Early Maps.* The Hiatus Arts and Letters Society of Toronto is hosting a series of slide symposia on the discovery and exploration of Canada. The symposia consist of two series of ongoing weekly lectures; the first began on October 29th, and the second on February 2. Topics covered include the maps and works of Strabo and Ptolemy, the voyages of St. Brendan and the Vikings, the early explorers, the recent discovery of Carthaginian hieroglyphics on a stone in the Eastern Townships of Quebec (yet another contender in the transatlantic sweepstakes--Ed.), the Vinland Map, and the mapping of North America from 1000 B.C. to 1600 A.D., and from 1600 A.D. to the present. The lectures are conducted under the leadership of Edward Rutherford, Canadian educator, photographer and noted collector of early maps. Dr. Alexander MacDonald, Canada's most distinguished collector of early maps, is special guest of honour. For further information contact the Society at 12A Bedford Road, Toronto, Canada M5R 2JB.

## People

The Australian Institute of Cartographers recently upgraded Mr. G. Roberts, Mr. M. Spitzer, and Mr. G. Young, to Fellows. This is the highest honour the Institute can bestow on its members.

Professor Herbert Knorr, Director of the Institut für Angewandte Geodäsie in Frankfurt a.M., has retired. He is succeeded by Professor Rudolph Förstner.

Heinz Bosse, Karlsruhe, President of the German Society for Cartography, has been re-elected for the next term of office.

Professor Erwin Gigas, founder and first Director of the Institut für Angewandte Geodäsie in Frankfurt a.M., passed away on January 28, 1975.

Professor Joel L. Morrison has been elected Vice-chairman of the Cartography Division, American Congress on Surveying and Mapping for the 1976-77 term, and will automatically become Chairman for the 1977-78 year.

## Map Collectors' Corner

Mr. William Davisson, a faculty member of Marlboro College, Marlboro Vermont, has sent us information concerning his collection of late 17th to early 19th century maps of France (particularly road maps and road guides). He would like to hear from collectors with a similar interest.

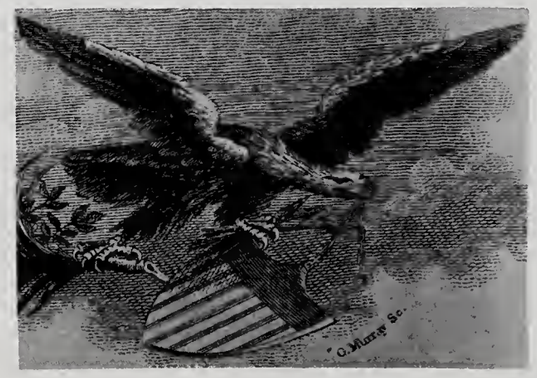
The possible existence of 25 manuscript maps of the Quebec Campaign of the American Revolution has been brought to our attention by Charles C. Lloyd, antique map dealer, Shrewsbury, NJ. Mr. Lloyd recently opened up his business at The American Eagle on Route 35. Further information from readers on the whereabouts of these maps is welcome.

## Creature of the Quarter

by J.B. Post*

When told, not asked, to do a column for this venerable publication to be called "Monster of the Month," I was taken aback. True, we do a brisk seasonal business in monsters here in the Map Collection at the Free Library of Philadelphia with the nubile young art students from across the square who wander in asking vaguely for old maps when they want sea-serpents or compass roses. But for the readership of a publication such as this, more is needed. Not only in content, but in presentation: one could show turkeys from the Jansson-Visscher series of maps (the Free Library has the Kelso Collection of them) or witches flying around Brocken for the Autumn season and polar bears for the Winter season (unless beasties from tropic climes would be a mid-Winter inspiration).

After much soul-searching, what we are presenting as the first creature is a Bicentennial beastie: the EAGLE. Eagles were found on *United States of America, compiled from the latest & best authorities by John Melish* (Philadelphia: Murray, Draper, Fairman & Co., 1818); *United States of America, corrected & improved from the best authorities* (Philadelphia: McCarty & Davis, 1824); *Map of the United States by J.H. Young* (Philadelphia: S. Augustus Mitchell, 1845); *Mitchell's national map of the American Republic* (Philadelphia: Mitchell, 1843 and 1846); and, *Map of the United States, partly from new surveys, dedicated to the citizens thereof by their humble servant, Chas. Varle* (Baltimore: Varle, 1817 corrected to 1819). The first is reproduced.




*George Murray's rendition for Melish, 1818.*

Roosevelt University, Chicago, is developing a sequence of courses leading to a Certificate in Cartography Award. Thematic mapping, remote sensing and field mapping techniques will be stressed in the sequence. More information on the program may be obtained from the Department of Geography, Roosevelt University, 430 S. Michigan Ave., Chicago, IL 60605.

*Author of the *Atlas of fantasy.* Baltimore, Mirage Press, 1973.

## New State Mapping Agencies

State cartographic agencies were recently recommended for two Midwestern states. A plan proposed by the Minnesota State Planning Agency, *A Proposed Resource Exploration and Analysis Program for Minnesota (REAP)*, is aimed at coordination of the various natural resource data collection programs in Minnesota. It includes a "State Air Photo Plan," which includes the establishment of a mapping and remote sensing information center.

The plan for Illinois, *Illinois Mapping Advisory Committee, (I.M.A.C.)* was proposed by a number of government agencies, business concerns and universities. Advisory to the U.S. Geological Survey, its objective is to consolidate diverse state requirements for mapping into a single, annual priority statement, with special emphasis on completing 7.5 minute topographical mapping of the state by 1985. Richard E. Dahlberg, Department of Geography, Northern Illinois University, is chairman of the group.

## NOS

In honor of the nation's 200th Anniversary, the National Ocean Survey (NOS) has issued reproductions of some forty-eight of its 19th century copperplate engravings of coastal waters of the United States. The charts cover areas in 22 coastal states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico. The lithographic reproductions are described in a special Bicentennial catalog, available free of charge from the Distribution Division (C44), National Ocean Survey, Riverdale, Maryland 20840.

The charts, destined to become collectors' items, portray the earliest known technique of engraved three-dimensional effect, as well as "headland" views --normally a sketch of coastline as seen from the sea. The issues sell from $1.00 to $3.50 each and will be offered only during the Bicentennial period.

## AGS

At a meeting on 2 February, The Council of the American Geographical Society of New York recommended that a Search Committee be established to explore the possibility of merging all or part of the Society with another institution.

## New Associations

The Canadian Cartographic Association was formed at a meeting in Ottawa on October 18, 1975. The opening address, *Map Lore*, was by Jean-Paul Drolet, Assistant Deputy Minister, Department of Energy, Mines and Resources, and the invited address, *Cartography, an Emerging Discipline*, by John Wolter, Geography and Map Division, Library of Congress.

One of the purposes of the new association is "to promote interest in and knowledge of maps and related material by those both within and outside the cartographic professions." The first president is J. J. Klawe, University of Alberta, Edmonton. Further information is available from the Secretary, L. M. Sebert, Topographical Survey of Canada, 615 Booth Street, Ottawa, Ontario K1A 0E9, Canada.

The Chicago Map Society was organized at a meeting at The Newberry Library, 15 January 1976. The Society was organized for the purpose of discussing the history of cartography and map collecting for interested persons in the Chicago area. George Ritzlin is Acting President of the Society, and David Woodward, Acting Secretary. Captain A. Teixeira da Mota spoke on *Ancient Cartography of Angola and Mocambique* at the first meeting, 26 February.

## Geo Center

REPRINTS FROM GEO CENTER. A list of reprints of old atlases and maps has been issued as *Sonderliste zum Kartenbrief 269*. A complete list of all reprints available will probably be issued in Geo-Katalog, vol. 2, part 4000, in 1976 (Geo Center, Internationales Landkartenhaus, 7 Stuttgart 80, Postfach 800830)

For its first year of publication, we hope MAPLINE will find its editorial policy defined by its readers. Any comments will be welcome and should be addressed to the editor.

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